

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please amend the title as follows:

ABSORBENT ARTICLE HAVING A BACK SHEET THAT INCLUDES A  
COLORED AREA AND AT LEAST A PORTION THAT ALLOWS LIGHT FROM  
AN OPTICAL SENSOR TO PASS THERE THROUGH

Please amend paragraph [0010] at the bottom of page 4 and  
top of page 5 as follows:

[0010]

To solve the aforementioned problem, according to a  
first aspect of the present invention, ~~according to claim 1~~  
~~is~~ an absorbent article ~~, including~~ is provided which  
includes: a top sheet positioned in a face which is brought  
into contact with a human body; a back sheet positioned in a  
face which is opposite to the top sheet and is brought into  
contact with underwear; and an absorbent body interposed  
between the top sheet and the back sheet. The back sheet  
includes a colored area, and the colored area has a light  
transmittance ~~allowing~~ that allows light outputted from an  
optical sensor to be transmitted therethrough.

Please amend paragraph [0012] on page 5 as follows:

[0012]

~~The~~ According to a second aspect of the present invention, ~~according to claim 2 is~~ an absorbent article ~~, including is provided which includes:~~ a top sheet positioned in a face which is brought into contact with a human body; a back sheet positioned in a face which is opposite to the top sheet and is brought into contact with underwear; and an absorbent body interposed between the top sheet and the back sheet. The back sheet includes a colored area and a non-colored area, and an inspection portion which transmits light outputted from an optical sensor for inspection is provided in the non-colored area.

Please amend paragraph [0014] on page 6 as follows:

[0014]

~~The~~ According to a third aspect of the present invention, ~~according to claim 3 is~~ an absorbent article ~~, including is provided which includes:~~ a top sheet positioned in a face which is brought into contact with a human body; a

back sheet positioned in a face which is opposite to the top sheet and is brought into contact with underwear; and an absorbent body interposed between the top sheet and the back sheet. The back sheet includes a colored area, and an inspection portion in the colored area at which inspection with an optical sensor is performed has a light transmittance ~~allowing~~ that allows light outputted from the optical sensor to be transmitted therethrough.

Please amend paragraph [0015] at the bottom of page 6 and top of page 7 as follows:

[0015]

~~The preset~~ According to a fourth aspect of the present invention, in ~~according to claim 4 is~~ the absorbent article according to any one of ~~claims 1 to 3, wherein in the colored area~~ first, second or third aspects, an identification to identify a front-rear orientation of the absorbent article is provided in the colored area.

Please amend paragraph [0016] on page 7 as follows:

[0016]

According to the first aspect of the present invention ~~of claim 1~~, an absorbent article including a back sheet which includes the colored area but is capable of transmitting the light outputted from the optical sensor is obtained.

Accordingly, the visual effects provided by the back sheet including the colored area provide "healing" and "security" to a woman during menstruation, and the back sheet capable of transmitting the light outputted from the optical sensor enables proper inspection to be performed in the inspection process of the manufacturing process.

Please amend paragraph [0017] on pages 7 and 8 as follows:

[0017]

According to the second aspect of the present invention ~~of claim 2~~, an absorbent article in which the colored area

is provided and in which the inspection portion ~~transmitting~~  
that transmits the light outputted from the optical sensor  
for inspection is provided in the non-colored area is  
obtained.

Accordingly, the visual effects provided by the back  
sheet including the colored area provide "healing" and  
"security" to a woman during menstruation. Moreover, when a  
print back sheet is formed by application of pigment to a  
film, the colored area can be colored using arbitrary  
pigment which does not transmit the light outputted from the  
optical sensor and therefore can be more colorful and more  
varied. Furthermore, the non-colored area with the light  
transmittance ~~allowing~~ that allows the light outputted from  
the optical sensor to be transmitted enables proper  
inspection in the inspection process of the manufacturing  
process.

Please amend paragraph [0018] on page 8 as follows:

[0018]

According to the third aspect of the present invention  
~~of claim 3~~, an absorbent article including the back sheet

which includes the inspection portion with light transmittance ~~allowing~~ that allows the light outputted from the optical sensor to be transmitted is obtained.

Accordingly, not only do the visual effects provided by the back sheet including the colored area provide "healing" and "security" to a woman during menstruation, but also the colored area other than the inspection portion can be colored using arbitrary pigment and therefore can be more colorful and more varied. Furthermore, the inspection portion having light transmittance ~~allowing~~ that allows the light outputted from the optical sensor to be transmitted therethrough enables proper inspection in the inspection process.

Please amend paragraph [0019] at the bottom of page 8 and top of page 9 as follows:

[0019]

According to the fourth aspect of the invention of claim 4, an absorbent article provided with an indication of the front and rear on the back sheet, along with the effects of the first through third embodiments, is obtained ~~as well~~

~~as the same effect as that of any one of claims 1 to 3 is  
certainly obtained.~~

Accordingly, the front and rear of the absorbent article can be easily determined ~~with~~ using the indication of front and rear printed on the back sheet, thus providing a better feeling of security and as well as a comfortable ~~wearing~~ feeling during wear.